

REMARKS

With entry of this amendment, the status of the claims is as follows:

Original: 2, 3, 5, 6, 8

Currently amended: 4, 9

Previously presented: 0

Canceled: 1, 7, 10-12

Withdrawn: 0

New: 0

With entry of this amendment, claims 2-6, 8 and 9 are pending.

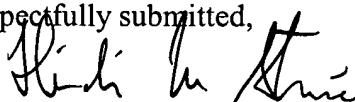
The specification has been amended to contain a reference to the Japanese applications for which benefit of priority is being claimed.

The multiple dependency has been removed from claim 4. Claim 9 was amended to provide, in the alternative, the method described in claims 10-11; and Claims 1, 7 and 10-12 were canceled without prejudice to future prosecution.

No new matter has been introduced by any of the changes to the specification and claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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